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## Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Wrks Department, 5th February* 1869.

No. 155. Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Palamcottah, 28th December 1868, No. 2,203 :—

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer on Special duty, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Camp near Chinna Moollyar, 21st December 1868, No. 4.

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 2,092, of the 14th instant, and G. O., No. 3,843, of the 9th instant, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to forward to Government the following statement of the grounds on which I venture to solicit a re-consideration of the decision contained in that order.

2. I have every hope that, by the end of this working season, the road from Cumbum to the site of the proposed bund will have been thoroughly surveyed and marked out, and that all the investigations necessary for arriving at a decision as to the mode of constructing the proposed works will have been made.

3. During next season it is not likely that it will be possible to do anything more than complete the road, (which is a work which it will not be very difficult to superintend,) so that it is probable that the dam, and other works connected with the Perryaur project, will not be commenced, at all events, before the season of 1870-71.

4. The execution of these works will occupy several years ; as I have already been eight years in India, and have not been in at all good health for some time, it is highly improbable that I should be able, however much I might wish it, to remain out here for seven or eight years longer.

5. If then the Government intend to do me the honour (for such I shall certainly consider it) of employing me in connection with this project throughout its course, it would seem better that I should go to England during next spring when the more difficult part of the preliminary operations will have been completed, and be able to return to India before the actual commencement of the work itself, than that I should have to quit the work after it was begun, when inconvenience might be caused by a change of Officers.

6. Should the furlough which I have applied for be granted, and should the Government desire my services, in the event of the work being commenced (as is possible) at the close of the south-west monsoon of 1870, I shall certainly be prepared to give up any unexpired portion of my leave, and return to India at once.

7. I trust I shall be excused for writing so long a letter on a personal subject, but I have wished to point out that it is not entirely out of regard for my own convenience that I am anxious that the furlough I have applied for should be granted, but also that if my services in connection with this project, in which I have already come to take a deep personal interest, may be supposed to have any value then it would seem that the course which I propose would be best for the public service.

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Submitted to Government.

(Signed). H. L. PRENDERGAST, Captain, R. E.,
*Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
*5th February* 1869.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1869, No. 376.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

1. The Government regret that they are unable to alter the decision conveyed in their Order, No. 3,843, dated 9th December 1868.

2. Lieutenant Pennycuick in, describing the probable rate at which the investigations for the Perryaue project will be advanced, has neglected to take into consideration the surveying operations which will be conducted in the plains when the working season on the Hills ends. It is very desirable that the Officers who have been selected for the investigations connected with a scheme on the success of which the Government are deeply interested should remain in the district until they are completed, and the interest which Lieutenant Pennycuick has evinced in the work, renders it all the more desirable that Government should retain his services until the designs for the whole scheme are thoroughly matured.

3. The Government are unwilling to withhold the leave to which an Officer under ordinary circumstances may have reason to think himself entitled, but, as Lieutenant Pennycuick has not submitted a Medical Certificate to support his application, they consider that the exigencies of the service must in this case supersede his personal convenience.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd.S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

8TH DIVISION.

*Dated February, 5th.*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

*G. O.*, *5th February* 1869, *No.* 376.

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*Pennycuick, Lieutenant, R. E., Executive Engineer.*—The order of Government declining to sanction the furlough applied for by Lieutenant Pennycuick, declined to be altered.

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No. 4. Camp near Chinna Moolyar
27th December 1868.

From

Lieutenant J Pennycuick R.E.
Executive Engineer
On Special Duty

To

The Superintending Engineer
8th Division

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 2092 of the 14th Instant and G.O. No. 3843 of the 9th Instant, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to forward to Government the following statement of the grounds on which I venture to solicit a reconsideration of the decision contained in that order.

2. I have every hope, that by the end of this working season, the road from Cumbum to the site of the proposed bund, will have been thoroughly surveyed and marked out, and that all the investigations necessary for arriving

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at a decision as to the mode of Constructing the proposed works, will have been made.

3. During next season it is not likely that it will be possible to do anything more than Complete the road (which is a work which it will not be very difficult to superintend) so that it is probable, that the dam and other works Connected with the Periar Project, will not be Commenced at all events before the season of 1870/71.

4. The execution of these works will occupy several years; as I have already been eight years in India, and have not been in at all good health for some time it is highly improbable that I should be able, however much I might wish it, to remain out here for seven or eight years longer.

5. If then the Government intends to do me the honour (for such I shall Certainly Consider it) of employing me in Connection with this project throughout its Course; it would seem better that I should go to England during next

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spring, when the more difficult part of the preliminary operations will have been Completed, and be able to return to India before the actual Commencement of the work itself, than that I should have to quit the work after it was begun, when inconvenience might be Caused by a Change of Officers.

6 Should the furlough which I have applied for be granted; and should the Government desire my services, in the event of the work being Commenced (as is possible) at the Close of the S.W. Monsoon of 1870, I shall Certainly be prepared to give up any unexpired portion of my leave, and return to India at once.

7 I trust I shall be excused for writing so long a Letter on a personal subject, but I have wished to point out that it is not entirely out of regard for my own Convenience, that I am anxious that the furlough I have applied for should be granted, but also that if my

services in Connection with this project, in which I have already come to take a deep personal interest, may be supposed to have any value, then it would seem that the Course which I propose would be best for the public service.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Pennycuick Lieut. R.E.
Executive Engineer on Special Duty

(True Copy)

No. 2203.

Submitted to Government

Alex L Prendergast Captain R.E.

Offg. Superintending Engineer 8th Division

Sd. Engineer's Office 8th
Palamcottah
3rd December 1868.

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No. 3.

From

The Offg. Superintg. Engr.
8th Division

To,

The Secretary to Govt.
D. P. W.
Madras

Dated 28th December 1868.
Received 4th January 1869

Submits Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Pennycuick Executive Engineer on Special duty, soliciting reconsideration of the Decision contained in G. O. No. 3843 of the 9th Instt.

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Public Works Department.

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# PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th February /69.

Read the following

From the Offg Supg Engr. 8th Divn. (Here enter No. 2203 dated 28th Dec/68)

The Government regret that they are unable to alter the decision conveyed in their Order No. 3843 dated 9th December 1868.

Lieut. Pennycuick, in describing the probable rate at which the investigations for the Perryaur project will be advanced, has neglected to take into consideration the surveying operations which will be conducted in the plains

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I do not join in this order, for which I recognize the necessity of not further weakening an already weak establishment by

when the working season on the Hills ends. It is very desirable that the Officers who have been selected for the investigations connected with a scheme on the success of which the Government are deeply interested, should remain in the District until they are completed, and the interest which Lieut. Pennycuick has also evinced in the work, renders it all the more desirable that Government should retain his services until the designs for the whole scheme are thoroughly matured.

Engineer Officer

I am of opinion that Lt. Pennycuick was treated with scant consideration on his return from Abyssinia in not being allowed to revert to the appt. which he had previously held & in which he had done good service.

A. J. A.

The Government are unwilling to withhold the leave to which an Officer under ordinary circumstances may have reason to think himself entitled, but as Lieut Pennycuick has not submitted a Medical Certificate to support his application, they consider that the exigencies of the Service must in this case supersede his personal convenience.

This is Govt. comment & an invitation to produce a medical certificate.

A. J.

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The Supdg. Engineer S. Div.

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